REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action mailed on August 27, 2003. Claims 1 and 12 are amended. These amendments have not been made to overcome the rejection in the office action. As provided below, Applicant believes the originally-filed claims are distinguishable from the DeLorme et al. Rather, the amendments have been made to further clarify the recited subject matter in the claims. Claims 1-37 remain pending in this application.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-37 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by DeLorme et al. (U.S. 6,321,158). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection, for at least the following reasons.

With respect to independent claim 1, Applicant is unable to find, among other things, in the cited portions of DeLorme et al. a device where the processor and the memory are adapted to cooperate to provide an address that is proximate to the device, as recited in the originally-filed claim 1. For example, the Office Action states:

> *DeLorme et al. discloses an electric navigational aid device comprising a process and a memory adapted to communicate with the processor wherein the deice is adapted to be transported on a road and wherein the processor and the memory are adapted to cooperate to provide an address that is proximate to the device Column 4 lines 47-65).*

Applicant is unable to find in column 4 lines 47-65 of DeLorme et al. a reference to an address that is proximate to the device. Furthermore, with respect to amended independent claim 1, Applicant is unable to find, among other things, in the cited portions of DeLorme et al. a device adapted to be transported on a road where the processor and the memory are adapted to cooperate to provide an address that is proximate to the device and update the address as the device is transported on the road, as recited in amended independent claim 1.

Claims 2-11 depend, either directly or indirectly, on independent claim 1, further clarify claim 1, and are believed to be patentable for at least the reasons provided with respect to claim 1. With respect to claim 4 for example and without limitation with respect to the other dependent claims, Applicant is unable to find, among other things, in the cited portions of

DeLorme et al. a device where the processor and the memory are adapted to cooperate to estimate addresses proximate to the navigational device by being adapted to cooperate to estimate a current position of the navigational device, estimate a road segment length proximate to an address range associated with the current position of the navigational device, and estimate a distance along the road segment length to the current position of the navigational device, as recited in claim 4.

With respect to independent claim 12, Applicant is unable to find, among other things, in the cited portions of DeLorme et al. a system where the device is adapted to be transported on a road, where the system is adapted to display an address along the road on the device, and where the address is proximate to the device, as recited in the originally-filed claim 12. Furthermore, with respect to amended independent claim 12, Applicant is unable to find, among other things, in the cited portions of DeLorme et al. a system including a mass data storage, a server, and a navigational aid device to communicate with and retrieve navigation data from the server via a communication channel where the device is adapted to be transported on a road, and the system is adapted to display on the device an address proximate to the device and update the address as the device is transported on the road, as recited in amended independent claim 12.

Claims 13-22 depend, either directly or indirectly, on independent claim 12, further clarify claim 12, and are believed to be patentable for at least the reasons provided with respect to claim 12. With respect to claims 20 and 21 for example and without limitation with respect to the other dependent claims, Applicant is unable to find, among other things, in the cited portions of DeLorme et al. a processor and memory adapted to cooperate to estimate addresses proximate to the navigational device by being adapted to cooperate to estimate a current position of the navigational device, estimate a road segment length proximate to an address range associated with the current position of the navigational device, and estimate a distance along the road segment length to the current position of the navigational device, as recited in claim 20, and a system adapted to extract road data and address number ranges from a database, as recited in claim 21.

With respect to independent claim 23, Applicant is unable to find, among other things, in the cited portions of DeLorme et al. a method including estimating an address proximate to a navigational aid device, as recited in the claim. Claims 24-30 depend, either directly or

indirectly on independent claim 23, further clarify claim 23, and are believed to be patentable for at least the reasons provided with respect to claim 23. With respect to claims 26 and 27 for example and without limitation with respect to the other dependent claims, Applicant is unable to find, among other things, in the cited portions of DeLorme et al. a method including determining a range of addresses along the road proximate to the navigational aid device, as recited in claim 26, and a method including estimating an address number based on a position of the navigational aid device, estimating a road length associated with the range of addresses, and estimating a distance from one end of the road length to the position of the navigational aid device, as recited in claim 27.

With respect to independent claim 31, Applicant is unable to find, among other things, in the cited portions of DeLorme et al. a method including accessing road data that is associated with a road upon which a navigational aid device is being transported, selecting a road data storage element from the road data based on a position of the navigational aid device, extracting address number ranges associated with the road data storage element, selecting an address number range from the extracted address number ranges, estimating an address number from the address number range, and displaying the estimated address number, as recited in the claim. Claims 32-37 depend on independent claim 31, further clarify claim 31, and are believed to be patentable for at least the reasons provided with respect to claim 31. With respect to claims 32 and 36 for example and without limitation with respect to the other dependent claims, Applicant is unable to find, among other things, in the cited portions of DeLorme et al. a method including periodically displaying an updated estimated address number, as recited in claim 32, and a method where estimating the address number from the address number range is based on a position of the navigational aid device, a road length for the address range, and a distance along the road length to the position of the navigational aid device, as recited in claim 36.

Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the §102(e) rejection, and reconsideration and allowance of the claims.

Reservation of the Right to Swear Behind §102(e) Reference(s)

Applicant maintains its right to swear behind any reference(s) cited in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e). Applicant believes that the claimed subject matter is distinguishable over DeLorme et al. for at least the reasons provided above. Statements distinguishing the claimed subject matter over DeLorme et al. are not to be interpreted as admissions that the reference is prior art.

Conclusion

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Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney ((612) 373-6960) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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